



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Request of County Supervisor Simas for Funding for
County Drug Free Zone/Outreach Issues Coordinator

MEETING DATE: April 3, 1991

PREPARED BY: City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council review the attached proposal of
County Supervisor Edward A. Simas and take action as
deemed appropriate.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Attached (Exhibit A) is a copy of a packet of
information previously distributed to the City
Council, with a cover memo prepared by Mayor Hinchman.

The Mayor will be looking for City Council action so that he can respond to
Supervisor Simas.

FUNDING: Contingency Fund

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Peterson
City Manager

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Attachment

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APPROVED: _____

THOMAS A. PETERSON
City Manager



MEMORANDUM from the Office of the City Manager

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TO: Councilmembers

FROM: Mayor Hinchman *YH*

DATE: March 8, 1991

SUBJ: County Drug Free Zone/Outreach Issues Coordinator

Attached is a copy of a letter I recently received from County Supervisor Ed Simas proposing the establishment of the position of Drug Free Zone/Outreach Issues Coordinator. The letter requests the support of each of the seven cities plus the County in the annual amount of \$3,000 each. The letter states that the coordinator will spend at least five hours a week in each city.

My concern for the problems and tragedies that can and do result from drug and alcohol abuse runs deep. I know you share this concern. However, I cannot help but feel that this proposal by Supervisor Simas is a duplication of efforts addressing substance abuse already being made in the City of Lodi and the surrounding area. One is the Partners in Prevention and Lodi Substance Abuse Council. This local group meets monthly at Carnegie Forum and has been in operation about seven years. A list of the current membership is attached. The group's main thrust is in the area of promoting education on the ills and evils of substance abuse. This is the group that has sponsored and continues to sponsor teen dances at Hutchins Street Square. The next one is scheduled for March 22. The Parks and Recreation Department plays a lead role in this effort with the involvement of Recreation Superintendent Marilyn Field.

A second group is the San Joaquin Substance Abuse Task Force, a joint effort among the cities, the County and the community. Lodi Police Officer Leland Schmiedt is the City's representative to this organization. This group is also very active in efforts to combat this problem.

I have talked with Councilmembers in other communities in the County and the reaction elsewhere appears to be on the negative side. I would be rather surprised if a majority of the cities in the County lend support to his proposal.

Please review the attached material. My plan is to direct the City Manager to place this on the agenda for action at the regular meeting of March 20.

DMH:br

Attachments

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MARILYN BLUCK
Legislative Assistant

February 14, 1991

The Honorable David Hinchman
Mayor, City of Lodi
City Hall
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Dear Dave:

At the meeting on January 30, 1991, I proposed that each of the cities, plus the County, consider contributing \$3,000 each to pay for a Drug Free Zone/Outreach Issues Coordinator. The person will spend at least 5 hours a week in each city within San Joaquin County.

The role of the Coordinator is to work within each of the cities in our County to either reinforce positive activities in various neighborhoods so they can continue to be drug free, or identify areas where there is drug dealing and help organize the neighborhood community in those areas to address the problem. This Coordinator will be a liaison for the cities and County and will work closely with law enforcement, local groups, schools, and churches to help a neighborhood maintain a positive image to prevent drug activities from beginning. In addition, the Coordinator will identify and help negatively impacted neighborhoods organize and correct the problem to turn the neighborhoods around.

The Coordinator will be hired by the Office of Substance Abuse on a one-year contract and will be managed by Dan Bava, Director of the Office, but in each of the cities will take direction from whomever he/she is assigned to work with.

The end result of this project is that each community will see there is a coordinating individual in their area who will bring all available resources together to attack the drug problem. In some areas, rather than attack the drug problem, the Coordinator will reinforce the positive activities going on and immediately curtail any drug activities which may try to move in.

This is not a planning effort. It is an activity to organize specific neighborhoods in cities to maintain their drug-free status or become drug-free. The Coordinator will solicit volunteers in each of the 7 cities to enable the problem to be addressed swiftly so that within one year's time the community can see the impact of the work of this individual.

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The financial commitment requested of each city is \$3,000 for Fiscal Year 1991-92. Each Mayor is asked to take this proposal to his/her City council with a request that the City Manager set aside \$3,000 to fund this full-time person. If your council members wish a presentation regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Bava at 468-6851.

I believe the citizens of each of the 7 cities in San Joaquin County will visibly see that their city is doing something to address the drug and alcohol problem. I further believe a Drug-Free Zone/Issues Outreach Coordinator will make a difference over the next year for each of the cities and the County.

I hope this proposal provides sufficient information for you to take this request to your Council. This is one more sign of the cooperative effort taking place in San Joaquin County to attack the drug and alcohol problem in our area.

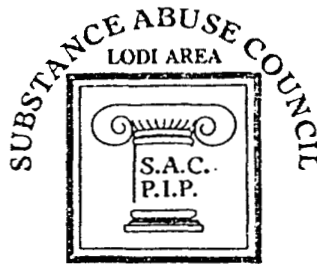
I believe that together, as a unified force, we can make San Joaquin County a drug-free county.

Sincerely,



EDWARD A. SIMAS
Supervisor, Third District

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April 8, 1991

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Dear Supervisor Simas:

Please be advised that your February 14, 1991 letter to Mayor David Hinchman proposing that each City, plus the County, consider contributing \$3,000 each to pay for a Drug Free Zone/Outreach Issues Coordinator was presented to the Lodi City Council at its April 3, 1991 City Council meeting.

Following discussion, the City Council voted to deny the request.

Please feel free to call should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Alice M. Reimche
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